

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, between lines 3 and 4:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-331569, filed in Japan on November 15, 2002, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the heading at page 3, line 26, with the following rewritten version:

Summary of the Disclosure of Invention

Please replace the heading at page 8, line 29, with the following rewritten version:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments Best Mode for Carrying Out the
Invention